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To Examiner:	CHEVALIER, ROBERT	Art Unit	2621
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SUBJECT: Decision on Terminal Disclaimer(T.D.) filed:

INSTRUCTIONS: I have reviewed the submitted T.D. with the results as set forth below. If you agree, please use the appropriate form paragraphs identified by this informal memo in your next Office action to notify applicant of the T.D. If you disagree or have any questions, please see me or the Special Program Examiner. THIS IS AN INFORMAL, INTERNAL MEMO ONLY. IT MUST NOT BE (1) MAILED TO APPLICANT OR (2) PLACED OF RECORD IN THE APPLICATION FILE. When your action is complete,

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The T.D. is PROPER and has been recorded (see 14.23).

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- The T.D. lacks the enforceable only during common ownership clause - needed to overcome a non-statutory double patenting rejection, Rule 321(b) (see 14.27.01).
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- Other: _____
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The undersigned is an attorney of record.

April 21, 2006

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Terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR 1.20(d) is included.



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Respectfully submitted,

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